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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner  
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I believe I have written you about antibiotic resistance before, but the problem seems to be sufficiently serious to justify the risk of repeating myself.

The problem is caused by overuse of antibiotics by medical doctors and their patients, and by use of antibiotics in animal feed to promote growth and to prevent disease.

Medical doctors and their patients need to be educated and, if necessary, more strictly regulated and supervised. These all will take time.

The use of antibiotics in animal feed to promote growth and to prevent disease must absolutely be outlawed. (Use to cure disease should remain permitted, but the conditions under which the animals live must be improved so as not to make outbreaks of disease the norm.) You and the FDA have the power to bring about the first half (the outlawing), and you can exert influence on the USDA to require improved living conditions.

Please start the process of revoking the current approval of the use of antibiotics of the types needed in human medical care for the promotion of animal growth and the routine prevention of animal disease, and please talk the USDA into remediating the conditions which promote animal disease.

Sincerely,

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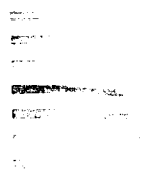
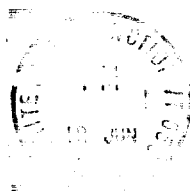
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